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TAGS: OVIP (FULBRIGHT, WILLIAM)

SUBJECT: FULBRIGHT VISIT

REF: CAIRO 5841

1. SENATOR FULBRIGHT REQUESTS EMBASSY INFORM ARAB LEAGUE OF HIS STRONG DESIRE TO FOREGO RPT FOREGO APPOINTMENTS AND MEETINGS SCHEDULED MONDAY AFTERNOON JUNE 16. SENATOR APPRECIATES HOSPITABLE INTENTIONS OF PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY SPEAKER AND FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, BUT HOPES THEY WILL UNDERSTAND THAT HIS LONG DAY IN DAMASCUS AND EN ROUTE TO CAIRO WILL HAVE DRAWN HEAVILY UPON HIS PHYSICAL RESOURCES. (LATTER ARE ALREADY DEPLETED AS RESULT OF HIS ARDUOUS AND OFTEN HECTIC TRIP THROUGHOUT ME.) SENATOR WOULD WELCOME EVENING OPPORTUNITY TO CHAT WITH ARAB LEAGUE SYG RIAD AT DINNER, BUT HE DESIRES THAT THIS AFFAIR BE ENTIRELY INFORMAL, ATTENDED BY (ONLY 3-4) ADDITIONAL GUESTS, AND BEGUN EARLIER IN EVENING (I.E., NO LATER THAN 8:00 P.M.).

2. SENATOR LOOKS FORWARD TO HIS JUNE 17 MEETING WITH PRES SADAT. HE ALSO GRATEFUL FOR AMB'S OFFER TO HOST RECEPTION THAT EVENING, BUT BEGS TO BE EXCUSED FOR SAME REASONS NOTED ABOVE. HOWEVER, IF AMB IS OF MIND TO SUBSTITUTE EARLY EVENING DINNER (AGAIN, SMALL, QUIET AND INFORMAL) FOR THIS FUNCTION, SENATOR WOULD BE PLEASED TO ATTEND.

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3. FYI: BOTH DAMASCUS AND CAIRO SHOULD REALIZE, AND

IMPRESS UPON SENATOR'S SYRIAN AND EGYPTIAN HOSTS, THAT HE IS
NO LONGER A YOUNG MAN, THAT PACE OF HIS TRAVEL IN AREA
HAS FATIGUED HIM CONSIDERABLY, AND THAT HE HAS CONTRACTED
BOTHERSOME INTESTINAL MALADY. HE ALSO HAS HAD HIS FILL OF
LARGE AND FORMAL PUBLIC GATHERINGS WHICH PRECLUDE MEANINGFUL SUB-
STANTIVE EXCHANGES. HE STRONGLY REQUESTS INSTEAD TO BE
INVOLVED ONLY IN VERY SMALL, INFORMAL GATHERINGS WHICH HE
BELIEVES ARE MORE PRODUCTIVE AND WHICH DRAW LESS HEAVILY
ON HIS SLENDER STORE OF ENERGY. HE ASKS THAT THESE FACTORS
BE KEPT UPPERMOST IN MIND IN ADJUSTING HIS SCHEDULE
FROM NOW UNTIL JUNE 18, AND THAT THEY BE APPLIED, IN
PARTICULAR, TO HIS JUNE 15 VISIT TO DAMASCUS UNIVERSITY
(PARA 3D DAMASCUS 2200--AS NOTED IN CAROLAN/
PELLETREAU TELCON JUNE 13, SENATOR HAS ALREADY DECLINED
MEETINGS WITH SYRIAN PEOPLE'S COUNCIL IN DAMASCUS.)
END FYI.
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